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Chad Ingram
Staff

Council mulls over 2% tax increase

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills councillors had a look at the township's 2012 draft budget during their Feb. 9 meeting. The budget includes total expenditures of approximately \$10.6 million, \$5.6 million of which will be raised through taxation. Minden Hills taxpayers should expect a two per cent tax levy increase.

Coupled with one per cent growth, the township is looking at an overall increase of three per

cent in taxation income.

Councillor Ken Redpath, who heads up the township's finance advisory committee, commended staff for their hard work in keeping the levy increase for residents to two per cent.

"Many people are still struggling to put food on the table," Redpath said.

Approximately \$3.3 million consists of wages and benefits and the budget for roads is approximately \$2.2 million.

Administration costs make a sizable portion of the budget, with a total of about \$570,000.

Last year, the total cost for administration was

approximately \$430,000.

Part of this increase, approximately \$47,000, has to do with the impending retirement of the township's chief administrative officer and the hiring of a clerk/economic development officer.

The township plans to hire a clerk/economic development officer before the end of the year and when the CAO retires, the plan is to wrap all these positions into one.

Minden Hills has hired a professional recruiter to find an individual for the clerk/EDO position, although finance committee draft minutes indi-

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Emergency crews attended the scene of a snowmobile crash in Gelert on Feb. 9. Angelica Blenich Staff

Snowmobile crash sends man to hospital

Jamie Boulion, 43, was taken to Haliburton hospital on Feb. 9 with non-life-threatening injuries after crashing his snowmobile on Gelert Road at approximately 1 p.m.

Visiting the Haliburton Highlands from Burketon, located just outside of Port Perry, Boulion was riding with friends on a trail when he lost control and was ejected from his snowmobile.

Friends of the victim say Boulion was complaining of lower body injuries when EMS arrived on the scene and that speed may have been a factor in the accident. Fire personnel and OPP also attended to the accident.

- Angelica Blenich

Minden Hills budget to draw \$400,000 from reserves

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cated the township is having difficulty finding someone at the current price point.

There has also been an increase in benefits.

The budget draws approximately \$400,000 out of

reserves, leaving total reserves for Minden Hills at approximately \$4,950,000.

Total council wages are \$132,000, up from about \$118,500 in the 2011 draft budget.

It should be noted that while no wage increase for council appeared in last year's draft budget, councillors decided during deliberations to take a three per cent increase, the savings for which were found in other areas.

The 5.76 per cent increase in the 2012 budget represents wage increases for 2011 and 2012.

A sum of \$13,000 is budgeted for conferences, the same amount that appeared in the 2011 draft budget. Approx-

mately \$9,000 was spent on conferences last year.

Along with benefits, mileage and insurance, the total draft cost for council for the year is approximately \$171,000.

While last year approximately \$163,000 was budgeted, about \$142,000 was spent.

Approximately \$425,000 is budgeted for overhead costs, which include a variety of items from insurance, to radio and communications to equipment purchases to consultants.

There is \$105,000 allotted for consultants, which, the draft budget document says, includes the village development master plan, which is out for tender.

There is also \$12,000 for the development of a new website.

Policing costs increased by more than \$60,000 to about \$1.8 million.

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Kids take turns going down this man-made, snow-covered hill at last year's Forest Festival held in Heart Lake park.

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Lawrence threatens to pull collection

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

While Sharon Lawrence is threatening to remove a collection of artifacts associated with her late husband from R.D. Lawrence Place, the township of Minden Hills says the items are not hers to take.

R.D. Lawrence Place, named for late biologist and author Ron Lawrence, is being restructured by the township to concentrate more on the scientific side of Lawrence's work and to include interactive scientific exhibits.

In an article that appeared in the *Times* last month, interim director of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Laurie Carmount, said the direction for the transformation had come from Sharon and the community, through the cultural centre advisory committee and finally to Minden Hills council.

Two positions were eliminated, to be replaced with one senior curator for both R.D. Lawrence Place and the Minden Hills Museum.

However, Sharon told the paper she was not responsible for the change in scope and had no idea it was coming.

"I didn't have the foggiest idea about this," she said in a phone interview. "There's never been any talk about re-branding and they can't do it. I mean, what do these people not understand?"

Lawrence said what she had given the township was a literary estate, that R.D. Lawrence Place had been fundraised for as a literary centre and, if that was not going to be the case, she'd be prepared to remove the collection.

Lawrence said the direction township is taking the centre is straying from its initial mission statement.

In a written submission to the paper, Councillor Brigitte Gall, who heads up the cultural centre advisory committee, said Sharon had been consulted about the changes at the centre.

"The [advisory committee] met with Sharon on Dec. 13 to hear her concerns and discuss solutions," Gall wrote. "It was determined at that meeting that the first priority was to address the collection. The committee informed Sharon that plans were being set in place to address concerns which included the building, programming and the

community's understanding of what RDLP is. This also included a discussion regarding the potential for broadening the appeal of RDLP by putting more emphasis on the environmental side of the Ron Lawrence legacy."

Carmount had stressed that literary events would still be part of the centre's mandate.

The township possesses deeds of gift signed by Lawrence on April 28, 2006, and Nov. 24, 2009, respectively, copies of which the *Times* has obtained, that specify she is unconditionally giving the items to R.D. Lawrence Place.

"I, Sharon Lawrence, hereby unconditionally give, donate, bestow and set over to the R.D. Lawrence Place in Minden, my property described herein," the 2009 document reads. "The said object(s) shall be the exclusive and absolute property of the R.D. Lawrence Place to be displayed, loaned, retained or disposed of by RDLP and its unrestricted discretion or in such a manner as the Minden Hills Cultural Centre advisory committee may deem advisable."

The 2006 document reads "Minden Hills Museum" in place of R.D. Lawrence Place and cultural centre advisory committee.

Long-term care workers hoping for a better deal

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

They say they need more hours.

Long-term care workers visited the Minden Legion on Feb. 9 to let the public know the current implemented standards are not enough.

Represented by Canadian Union of Public Employees, workers want to change the current legislated minimum care standard from 2.25 hours to 3.5, in hopes of giving seniors living in long-term care homes more personal attention.

The press conference was in response to what the workers described as "inaction" by the Liberal government.

"It's been nine years since the government promised a standard of care," said Candace Rennick, secretary-treasurer of CUPE.

Rennick called the current government plan disgraceful, saying even 3.5 hours wasn't enough.

"It's going to take money and a commitment on behalf of the government," she said.

There are 85,000 residents in long-term care homes across the province, according to CUPE.

An increase in standard of care would allow workers to give residents more personal time for things like feeding, dressing and bathing.

"There should be no such thing as assembly line feeding," said Karen Popadynetz, a long-term care worker from Newcastle.

A press release issued by CUPE states that according to Statistics Canada, Ontario spends about \$155 per long-term care resident a day, compared to \$254 in Quebec and \$217 in Alberta.



Hoping to increase the minimum required hours of care for residents living in long-term care homes, CUPE employees and personal support workers held a press conference on Feb. 9 at the Minden Legion.

From left, Karen Popadynetz, long-term care worker from Newcastle, Candace Rennick, secretary-treasurer for CUPE and Dorothy Winterburn, long-term care worker for Hyland Crest.

Angelica Blenich Staff

"Every available dollar must be directed to the bedside, not for profit," said Rennick.

As a result of the cutbacks, workers say they are not able to care for residents with the dignity and respect they deserve.

"It breaks my heart when residents say they are lonely and afraid," said Popadynetz.

The result is staff members are left feeling demoralized, she said.

"It's been a while since personal support workers have felt good about the job they do," she said.

A long-term care worker at Hyland Crest, Dorothy Win-

terburn echoed Popadynetz's sentiments.

The members of CUPE met with Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott on Feb. 7 in Lindsay to address their concerns.

Scott told CUPE she would be taking their issue to Queen's Park, said Rennick.

The representative of CUPE does not believe the minimum standard of care would be raised if a Conservative government was in power.

The current standard of minimum care was scaled back to 2.25 hours by the Mike Harris government in 1996, according to CUPE.



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Merchants will miss hanging flower baskets

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Some of the merchants in Minden's downtown are unhappy with Minden Hills council's decision to forgo hanging flower baskets along Bobcaygeon Road this season.

Councillors made that decision, which will save the township approximately \$5,500 between the cost of the baskets and the staff time to water them, at their Jan. 26 meeting.

"It's sad and pathetic to take the baskets away from our senses of sight and smell," said Shirley Kuni, owner of My Size. "They gave us all joy."

While there will still be planters and flower barrels along the main drag, merchants said the hanging baskets offered extra aesthetic appeal to get people into the downtown.

"People like to go to quaint, colourful and pretty downtowns," Dominion Hotel and Grill on the Gull proprietor Shawn Chamberlin told the paper in an email. "We need feet on the street to get loonies in the till."

While Chamberlin would be willing to chip in with other merchants for baskets and to help maintain them, he

wasn't sure that was necessarily fair.

"This municipality, just like every other, charges business properties a much higher tax rate than residential ratepayers," he wrote. "As a group, per capita, business portion of funding the annual budget is very significant as a category."

According to Chamberlin, "a healthy downtown is a sign of a healthy community."

John Thomas owns Stedman's V&S department store and while he understands budgetary constraints, said he thought the baskets were good for downtown.

Thomas said he'd not only be willing to water flower baskets near his business, but others in the downtown area as well.

Former NHL player and Haliburton Hockey Haven owner Troy Binnie offered to buy the baskets at the Jan. 26 meeting and told the *Times* that offer still stands.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said it is possible for the merchants to come up with an alternative solution to the hanging baskets, but that it wasn't as simple as it might seem.

"There is no water tap downtown, which is why we have to use the water truck and a watering wand to do the job," Reid wrote in an email. "That being said, if the merchants found a solution that didn't put any insurance risk on the municipality . . . then I'm sure we could revisit the issue. We can't have people climbing ladders with watering cans - it's a safety issue. We can't allow members of the public to use our equipment."



A fine day for a skate

This group of friends was playing hockey on Stanhope's outdoor rink on a sunny and crisp afternoon on Feb. 11. /Photo by Chad Ingram

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From the primordial ether of what is now is Haliburton County, mythical creatures Terra and Toad descended on the Dominion Hotel on Feb. 11.

Portrayed by Lila Sweet and Sebastian Renal, the characters are part of Arts Alive's Halistoria.

Last year, the organization received a grant for the creation of mythical characters that will appear at Minden events and received training from Toronto's Shadowland Theatre.

Saturday night's workshop at the Dominion included interactive character development with the crowd.

/Photo by Chad Ingram

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SIRCH hosts Minden pond hockey tourney

Organizers still looking for teams to play in fundraising event

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Who's up for a game of pond hockey?

SIRCH Community Services is hosting a mixed pond hockey tournament fundraiser in Minden on Feb. 25 and 26.

"We decided we need to have a couple of big fundraisers," said SIRCH board member Sheila Redpath, explaining the organization traditionally hosts a series of smaller fundraising activities. "We're hoping that it's going to be a big fundraiser eventually."

The tournament is open to anyone 14 year of age or older.

Games will be played on two outdoor ice sheets in the park behind the Minden Hills Community Centre and teams require six players, four of whom will be on the ice at any given time.

No goalies are required as small, pond

hockey nets will be used.

Play is non-contact.

The fee is \$20 per person.

If weather does not permit ice, road hockey will be played.

The event is sponsored by the Rockcliffe, Bombardier Recreational Products and Prentice Power Sports and will include trophies and prizes.

There will be an opening ceremony at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, and the first puck is to drop around 9:45 a.m.

Teams will each play three, half-hour games.

Organizers are looking for 16 teams.

The championship is scheduled for Sunday.

There will be a \$2 charge for spectators.

Redpath said the organization is trying to raise its profile in Minden.

"We have a lot of people we help in Minden," she said, adding SIRCH is not as much a household name on the western side of the county as it is the eastern portion.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Rockcliffe or found at www.sirch.on.ca

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our editorial

Basket case

MINDEN HILLS council's decision to forgo hanging flower baskets along the downtown strip this summer isn't sitting so pretty with some members of the community.

Last week the paper received a couple of letters on the subject and a number of the village's merchants seem concerned the decision could ultimately mean a decrease in foot traffic along Bobcaygeon Road this season.

As I wrote a couple of weeks ago, budget time is difficult for any government, especially in a year like this one.

I'd like to suggest a solution to the hanging basket situation.

At the January meeting where council decided to scrap the baskets for the year, Troy Binnie, a former NHL player and owner of Haliburton Hockey Haven, offered to pay for them.

The reeve said it was not the approximate \$2,000 cost of the baskets that was the issue, but the staff time to water them (that time was estimated to cost the township about \$3,500).

Last week, Binnie told the *Times* he's still willing to purchase the baskets this year.

Actually, he said he'd be willing to

purchase the baskets every summer for as long as his hockey camp is held in Minden.

A number of merchants said they'd be willing to water baskets in front of their shops and one even said he'd water any other baskets in the downtown core that were not being looked after.

You can see where I'm heading here, folks.

Let Binnie buy the baskets and let the merchants water them.

Business associations in many communities look after the watering of downtown greenery.

In this over-litigious age, there is some liability concern on the part of the township, but surely any and all necessary ducks could be put in a row.

We're talking about petunias, after all.

Get the merchants to sign waivers promising they won't sue the township if they fall from a ladder or bust a rotator cuff hoisting a watering can.

There doesn't seem to be any good reason why everyone can't get what they want in this situation.

Binnie gives back to the community; downtown looks as beautiful as it did last year; and Minden Hills saves its \$5,500.

Everybody wins.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

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letters to the editor

A huge thank you

To the Editor,

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association says a huge thank you to all the participants in the Give It A Try Ride held at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on Jan. 26 through to 29.

Food donated by the riders is very much appreciated by our local Haliburton County food banks. Cash donated will help to provide fresh items.

Mark Lang and crew - John, Joey, Alana and Orto - did a fantastic job looking after rider orientation, training and testing sessions.

An escorted ride on local trails gave these riders a hands-on experience of HCSA trails.

Gwen Bryant
HCSA Volunteer

Taxes in the Highlands high

To the Editor,

I just received my 2012 tax bill from the Township of Algonquin Highlands. My not-yet-finished 1,000-square-foot home (taxed as "waterfront" on a 2 1/2 foot deep river ... subject to dam restrictions by the Trent Severn Waterway) has been assessed at over \$235,000.

Seriously? I shake my head.

No wonder they want to build a 17 (now 22) lot subdivision in the shadows of the Crests of Kennisiss. Cha-ching.

Gord Hoenow
Algonquin Highlands

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points of view

Panda-Monium

PRIME MINISTER HARPER has finally returned from China. But, if you ask me, I think he should have just gotten the take out.

By all accounts, there were many great business partnerships and a whole lot of good will created on that trip. Most importantly, he's bringing home two pandas.

Pandas you say? Yes, pandas.

You might ask yourself how do pandas even remotely factor into a trade mission to China. Well, it's a symbolic gesture really. It's a symbol of how much the Chinese respect us.

Which must be a lot – after all, they just gave us two pandas.

Hang on. I'm sorry, I just read the press release – it says here that they are actually just renting us the pandas.

Oh well. They're probably charging us a symbolic fee – probably a dollar

a year or something minor like that. That's what friendly nations do for each other, right?

Huh? Oh. It says here that we get to rent them for \$1 million a year. And we're locked in for 10 years, plus vet bills, food and clean up, I suspect.

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Why would they visit, you ask? Because, although you can see these things routinely on TV nature shows, Hallmark cards or the Internet, you

really don't get the full effect until you see them – covered in hay or feces, sound asleep in the farthest corner of the exhibit – live.

OK, this is silly. I mean, you don't even need a colour TV to get the full panda experience! You could get that with an old black and white set.

One million a year?

Really? Couldn't we have shopped around?

Better yet, why don't we just do it ourselves? I mean this could turn into a cottage industry for central Ontario. All we'd need to get started is a team



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

of people with tranquilizer guns, white spray paint, and stencils. Then, after a few quick visits to our local dumps in summer, we'd have several "pandas" to sell or rent to other countries at cut rate prices – says \$100,000 or so?

I know, there's probably a slim profit margin in that once you account for salaries, advertising, licence fees, tax and shipping, but that's OK. The real money would come from routine touch up paint jobs.

The only problem I see in all this is that we might offend the Chinese by undercutting their panda industry with cheaply made, unlicensed knock-offs of an authentic product. I mean, it's not like they'd do that to us, right?

Oh, never mind.

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Giving Minden a waterfront

SOUTHBOUND ON Highway 35, The Brown Dog Jiggs starts a low growl of annoyance deep in his chest when I zoom right on past the Water Street turn.

Before the growl can turn into three quick barks, we are turned off onto Bobcaygeon Road and headed for home, through a one-lane squeeze past a delivery truck and the tangled intersection just beyond the Rockcliffe.

"Why did you do that?" The Brown Dog asks. "Why didn't you turn onto Water Street? Don't you know that's the way you're supposed to go?"

"Water Street?" I reply. "It ends at an intersection where the right turn onto the bridge is almost too tight for my pickup and, besides, you can't see what's coming over the bridge. No thank you!"

It is an argument that I have been having with passengers both canine and human for as long as I've lived up here full time.

To tell the truth, a trip down Minden's Main Street is less difficult than I've made it sound and locals know that there's a better way to get downtown from the north.

But a small obstacle can be a tipping point that keeps a visitor

from returning to a strange town and there's nothing to tell a newcomer there might be a better way. Besides, it's easier to shop out on the highway.

Nobody laid out the old village. It just grew, following the topographical lines of least resistance, but the twists and turns into downtown are the least of its problems.

All over North America, little towns and villages spill their downtowns out onto the highways. Close to home, the cores of Haliburton village, Fenelon Falls and Lindsay are gap-toothed with vacant storefronts.

Not that Minden's Main Street is by any means dead. A drug store is expanding, Stedman's is busy, and the banks, the lawyers' offices and the government buildings keep downtown cooking.

But folks from Moore Falls and Buller can go for weeks at a time without ever setting foot on Main Street and northbound cottagers might not even know Minden has a downtown.

The big retailers and the grocery stores, the gas stations and the fast-

food joints, are out on the highway. It's where the money goes.

Canadian Tire won't make things any easier, turning a little stretch of Water Street into a bypass for the highway bypass. A right turn out of the parking lot when you're done and you'll be on your way back home.

The township is about to spend a big whack of money to re-invent the wheel, to take yet another look at what's needed to breathe life back into downtown. (There are dollars enough for that, evidently, but not for flower baskets.)

If they limit that study to Main Street, they'll have missed the boat. The real key to the old village's prosperity is right around the corner, on Water Street.

Even now, a bank, the post office, the liquor and the beer store on Water Street are an important part of downtown's economy, but they could just be as easily on some side street.

They do nothing to tap the potential of a road that follows the bank of a lovely, unspoiled river into town. Minden has jewel of a waterfront it's

hardly even using.

Let the old downtown have the banks and the stores and the two old taverns. Let it be the service centre for folks who live or work in the old village.

As for Water Street, Riverwalk is only a beginning. Imagine the other side of the street cleared of architectural clutter, lined with quaint shops fronted by flower beds gazing across a peaceful river.

Little shops built of wood or stone to strict design standards – art galleries, cafes, fashion and interior design, a jewelry . . .

Where the post office now stands, a faux general store, with hand-dipped ice cream and ceiling fans and a Salada Tea sign in the window. Give it a verandah that turns into a stage for riverside concerts.

It's what other towns in cottage country have done with their waterfronts and what Minden should be doing. Travellers would have a reason to turn off Highway 35.

You may yearn, as I do, for the old Minden, but that is gone forever.

Better to make the best of the future.

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Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

Email your letter to the editor to: editor@mindentimes.ca

letters

Our council has priorities of its own

To the Editor,

Well, you see, Melanie Sedgwick of Gelert, it's like this: Over the past year or so, Minden council hired at least two people to give them advice and help them make decisions for something like \$50,000, maybe more. They're called "advisors" or "head hunters."

These costs meant that they didn't have enough money to pay Sheryl Loucks. So it's quite understandable why she was let go. Heavens! Are you being critical of our Minden council? I cannot for the life of me imagine why!

Everybody should know by now that our council has priorities of its own and are quite unable to make important decisions without hiring someone to do it for them. Ah, to live in Dysart! And become a part of the "et al"!

Would they want all our municipality's shenanigans?

Our council could hire another "advisor," spend another \$25,000 or more to make this decision. What? Can't afford it, you say? Hey - what the heck - we're talking priorities, right? Fire the fire department!

Eddie Burke
Minden

New subdivision causes conflict

To the Editor,

Re: editorial, Feb. 8 *Cry me a river*

Well Chad, if that's the way you feel, why not set a good example by bulldozing your cottage/monster home on Halls Lake for those who want "a new subdivision along the shores of Halls Lake like we want a kick in the groin, or tickets to a Justin Bieber concert."

Paul Hicks
Wellington and Haliburton

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Confused reader

To the Editor,

Regarding article on Laurie Scott's apprenticeship proposal, Jan. 11, 2012.

Modernization promises creation of 200,000 new skilled jobs. I was under the impression that a job was a skill or service that you could provide and therefore receive compensation, i.e. a pay cheque.

If your skills were not needed there was no job to be had. This plan would not create a single job. All it would create is more journeymen to fill jobs that are nonexistent. It would make the ratio of unemployed journeymen go up and the ratio of unemployed apprentices go down, at least until they become one of the unemployed journeymen.

It would also allow big construction contractors a source of cheap labour as apprentices have a lower pay scale. Personally I think it would be more beneficial for all political parties to try and fix some of the blunders that have been made in the past, i.e. scraping the Avro Arrow, thousands of jobs were lost and heaven only knows how much could have been earned by sales

of such a plane.

Signing the free-trade agreement — Hundreds of thousands in lost jobs. Allowing cost over-rides to skyrocket when building the Bruce and Darlington nuclear plants. This placed a heavy load on the public who are still seeing this on monthly bills.

This list could go on forever but I think you get the point.

In my confused mind I don't think it's right for the public to pay for political boo-boos and cannot figure out how you can create jobs when there are lots of unemployed people simply because there is no demand for their skill or service.

Making jobs out of thin air will not help those who have already completed their training nor those who would complete it under modernization. Perhaps before coming up with the next hair-brained idea, someone should talk to those involved in the construction trades and trying to earn an honest living.

Maybe Ms. Laurie Scott could call me and help me out of my state of confusion.

Robert Jones
Kinmount

Lack of respect for R.D. Lawrence's work

To the Editor,

As one becomes older and hopefully wiser, one tends to avoid conflict, but as a musician and great admirer of Sharon and R.D., I feel compelled to respond.

Let it be known, first, that I have shared the stage with counsellor Gall and carry great respect for her. I believe we share a mutual musical respect and don't envy her position at this time.

As artists, we all carry within us the meaning, intent and ways to express our creations and visions. Some of us will accept nothing less.

I believe Sharon's actions may be the result of this.

All too often, those in a position of fame, whether big or small, find their names, likeness or creations used or altered in a manner they find taints this vision, destroys its true meaning and are required to defend it.

I have the utmost admiration for this ballsy lady and her

efforts to defend her late husband's name and vision. I don't believe it is a matter of ownership as Gall states but mere respect.

Sharon Lawrence should be swimming in gratitude not a pool of muck. She and R.D. deserve much better. There is no right or wrong in this situation as an art. It appears to be a lack of respect for the name and life's work of R.D. Lawrence.

If the above were practised with great sensitivity to Sharon's position, an understandable one, perhaps we may again enjoy this wonderful gift without the high price of altering his name or vision.

Sharon's efforts to accept nothing less, is nothing less than noble. Only she truly knows ... his visions and desires.

Sheri Hawkins
Minden Hills



Raising money for Food for Kids

Jenna Burnett, left, of Food for Kids, accepts a cheque for more than \$450 from Minden Lioness president Kelly Moore on Feb. 12. The club raises money through country jamborees put on by the Hot Flashes and Cold Shoulders at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Burnett said the money would go towards food programs at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

Chad Ingram Staff

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

February 15 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Budget Meeting (public welcome) Council Chambers
February 17 7:00 pm – Irondale Community Centre Committee meeting (Irondale Hall)
February 19 Winterfest – S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena
February 20 Administration Offices will be CLOSED for FAMILY DAY
February 23 Council Meeting (10:00 am public session) – Budget to be passed
February 26 Ice Fishing Derby (Pigeon Lake) – Minden Hills Fire Department sponsor
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PUBLIC MEETING

February 23rd, 2012 regular Council meeting – 10:00 a.m. (Budget to be passed)

Please be advised that the following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2012 Budget deliberations (everyone invited): February 15th, 2012 (Council Chambers Budget – 7:00 p.m.)

NOTICE

Economic Development Workshop
Thursday February 23rd 4:30 to 7:00pm
Minden Hills Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street

Agenda will include
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Review of Strategic Focus Areas
Defining Next Steps
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Please see other Notices on Pages 18, 19 & 30

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Township of Minden Hills is requesting proposals from qualified consultants for consulting services, including monitoring, reporting and compliance for its Landfill sites, both active and inactive, throughout the Township of Minden Hills. Tenders will be received in a SEALED envelope clearly marked "Environmental Monitoring and Annual Reporting at Township Landfills" no later than Thursday February 16, 2012 at 12:00 noon, at:

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NOTICE CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE FEE INCREASE

In August 2011, Council implemented further procedures to ensure that no outside waste is being brought into the township's landfill sites. Please be advised that Council at their February 23rd Council meeting will be reviewing a change to the Fees and Charges By-law, which will increase the cost of Construction and Demolition Waste entering the Township of Minden landfill sites, to \$40.00 per cubic yard of waste. If passed at the February 23rd, 2012 Council meeting, this increase will be effective March 1st, 2012. This is just another measure for Council to consider the life of its landfill sites and the costs related thereto on behalf of its ratepayers. For further information, please contact the Environmental & Property Operations Manager (705) 286-1260 ext 216.

Bubbling over white water in Minden

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The 2015 Pan Am Games may be three years away, but excitement is already bubbling at the Minden Wild Water Preserve.

A delegation from Whitewater Ontario visited Minden Hills councillors at their Feb. 9 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

The preserve is to be the site of whitewater events for the games and Whitewater Ontario will be partnering with the township on the endeavour.

"We're very excited about the project," said Whitewater Ontario president Jim Taylor, adding it would be one that would have a lasting impact on the township.

Last month, the township signed a jointer agreement with the Pan Am Games, offering up to \$100,000 for upgrades at the site.

For every \$44 the township spends, Pan Am will spend at least \$56.

Also present was James Cartwright, a three-time Olympian and high-perform-

ance manager of Canoe/Kayak Canada.

Cartwright said he was first introduced to the preserve though television as a teenager, watching an international competition that had been hosted there.

"That was like my Hockey Night in Canada," he said, adding his dream had been to compete at the Minden rapids, which he did, in 1997.

He returned to preserve last year as a coach, with the provincial team.

"It truly is a world-class facility," he said.

Claudia Van Wijk of Whitewater Ontario said the organization would be working to increase interest in whitewater sports locally.

"We want to work together not only for the Pan Am Games, but to really grow the sport here," she told councillors. "Locally there's a void. We don't have a club, we don't have a presence."

Van Wijk said she'd be working to change this, "so that from the bottom up, we have future James Cartwrights coming from this area."

Concert for water may be sunk

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It looks like John Teljeur's Minden International Festival for Water may be sunk.

Teljeur has been meeting with Minden Hills council during the past several months to discuss a large music festival he's been planning for the civic long weekend at the Minden Hills fairgrounds.

However, Teljeur contacted the paper last week, saying it looks like the event may not move ahead.

A sticking point in conversations between Teljeur and councillors has been the signing of a multi-year contract for what he hopes will become an annual event.

Teljeur, who organized last year's Fishstock at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery, said the promotion company he's working with, Wolfgang Siebert's Earth Productions, requires a multi-year contract.

However, the township's legal counsel has advised it not to sign an agreement for more than one year.

"Why can other municipalities have multi-year events?" Teljeur asked. "Are we saying that lawyers are running the township and not the politicians?"

He questioned why a second or third legal opinion was not being sought and also emphasized he does not work for the promotion company and was organizing the event voluntarily as part of his ongoing food crusade initiative.

"I am not prepared to recommend an agreement to council that our solicitor has expressly recommended against," community services director Rick Cox, who's been working on the project, told the paper.

Cox hoped something could still be worked out.

Reeve Barb Reid expressed the same sentiment.

"We would very much like to see this concert happen, but we need to make sure all the bases are covered," Reid wrote in an email. "One of the key issues is committing to a multi-year events when you've had no experience with either an event of this magnitude or with the promoter involved. If the event is a success, I'm confident Minden Hills would immediately renew the agreement for 2013."

According to Teljeur, the promoter was targeting acts like speaker and political activist Maude Barlow and bands such as America and the Moody Blues.

Teljeur is encouraging the public to help support the event through his blog.

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Haliburton County news

New machines keep hearts beating at hospitals

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

They might be considered the most important machines in the building.

Five new cardiac monitor defibrillators were recently purchased by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation at a cost of \$95,000.

Although they come with a high price tag, the machines are well worth the money, as they are what keep pulses going.

"These machines can monitor your heart, shock your heart and pace your heart," said Debbie Watson, chief nursing officer and manager of patient care at HHHS.

Primarily used on patients with cardiac illnesses, the monitors can read a person's vital signs and are transferable, meaning they can be easily used in an ambulance.

Introduced to HHHS this week, the monitors will help staff streamline equipment already within the hospitals.

Three of the machines will be located at the Haliburton facility and two at the Minden hospital, said Watson.

Funds used to purchase the equipment were raised through the Holiday from the Heart campaign, organized by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation last Christmas.

"I want to thank our foundation and the community and extend a huge appreciation for all that they do. The real heart comes from all the people who raise money," said Watson.

It's no coincidence that funds for the monitors were raised through a heart-themed campaign.

"When you see the amount of money raised in a small community, it's unbelievable," said Jim Mitchell, an HHHSF board member.



New heart equipment was met with smiles at the Minden site of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services on Feb. 9. The HHHSF funded a total of five machines for the sites. Nurses and doctors all received training on the operation and benefits. The total funding was \$95,000. This money was raised through the 2010 Holiday from the Heart Christmas Campaign.

From left, Dale Walker, executive director of the HHHSF, HHHS manager of Patient Care Services for the Minden Site, Melanie Flood and HHHS registered nurse Daniel Cook. /Photo submitted

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Haliburton County news

Trail users want compatible solution

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

More than 80 per cent of respondents to a survey on the Haliburton County Rail Trail believe that motorized and non-motorized users can find a creative solution for shared use of the corridor.

Community planner Kate Hall shared the results of an extensive public consultation process she's conducted during the past several months with councillors on the county's economic development committee at a Feb. 8 meeting.

More than 1,300 people filled out surveys, with 25 per cent of respondents coming from Minden Hills; 18 per cent from Dysart et al; 15 per cent from Algonquin Highlands; and 11 per cent from Highlands East.

Another 31 per cent of responses came from people who live outside the county.

About 80 per cent of respondents were male; 20 per cent female.

The survey revealed that the No. 1 use of the trail by permanent residents and adjacent landowners is walking.

For seasonal residents, the No. 1 activity is ATVing.

However, the study also showed that most people who use the trail use it more than one capacity.

For example, 28 per cent of the people who ATV on the trail also use it for walking; 21 per cent use it for nature appreciation purposes; and 18 per cent also cycle on it.

Of those who use the trail primarily for cycling, 36 per cent also use it for ATVing

and 31 per cent for snowmobiling.

"Clearly, people are using the trail in a number of ways," Hall said. "If you're a walker, you're not just a walker."

The study showed an overall 83 per cent agreement for ATVs on the trail, although that figure dropped to 62 per cent for permanent residents and 65 per cent for adjacent landowners.

There were 222 respondents who use the trail for non-motorized purposes only.

"Those are the purists, as it were," Hall said.

Of those respondents, 39 per cent felt a shared-use solution could be reached, while 34 felt motorized and non-motorized uses are incompatible.

While many respondents said they'd like to see a user-pay or permit system on the trail, many also responded that they would not be willing to get personally involved with enforcement or assisting in educational training.

"Those questions were put in there deliberately to prove a point," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who's served as the council liaison on Hall's steering committee, stressing that people want something done, but they want the county to do it.

Forty-four per cent of county residents who responded were amenable to a slight tax increase to support more signage, patrols, surface treatment and so on, although county Warden Murray Fearrey expressed concern about just what "slight" meant.

A quarter of respondents had read the county's existing Rail Trail Master Plan.

Hall's process has included a number of public workshops, which identified barriers to trail use and solutions to those barriers.

Her findings were presented at a final public workshop on Feb. 9 at the Minden Hills Community Centre.

Moffatt suggested councillors might attend to show support for the process.

"There has been some criticism that county councillors have not been involved in this process," she said, acknowledging that attendance by politicians would likely garner criticism they were trying to steer things.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said councillors had been advised to and intentionally kept a distance from proceedings.

"It was a conscious decision to stay out of the process," Reid said. "Even if you're just there, you constrain the process. I'm very satisfied that county council has been fully engaged in this process."

The workshop will allow citizens to comment on a handful of options Hall and her steering committee have developed based on responses.

A final report is expected to come back to politicians in March.

To view Hall's findings, visit the county website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca, click on "County Government," then "Electronic Agenda," then "County of Haliburton."

Choose "Published Agendas" and then find the economic development committee meeting for Feb. 8.

Hall wrote to the paper, summarizing what happened at last week's final workshop and explaining the next steps in the process:

"About 50 people participated in the final workshop in the community engagement process for the Haliburton County Rail Trail that was held at the Minden Community Centre on Thursday, Feb. 9.

"The workshop began with a presentation of the findings from the survey that was conducted last November, then invited participants to flesh out four options that came out of a previous workshop, which focused on brainstorming for solutions to deal with issues of safety, enforcement and conflicting visions for the use of the trail. Solutions included closing a section of the trail to motorized uses, exploring opportunities to separate uses at various points along the trail, creating 'community zones' near populated areas and separating motorized and non-motorized uses by time of day. Participants were asked to indicate their support for each option by writing a number from one to 10 on a card and organizing themselves in numerical order in a line in front of each option. There was some great discussion in the room between people that represented a diversity of interests. The final piece of the engagement strategy will be the release of a second online survey on Monday, Feb. 13 to collect responses from the broader public about the same four options talked about at the workshop. A link to the survey will be posted on the Rail Trail page of the county's website.

"All information collected through the community engagement process will be brought forth in a report to the economic development committee in March for consideration."

County contemplates conducting tourism town hall meeting

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county will be reaching out to its tourism stakeholders as it reshapes its economic development and tourism department.

The idea of hosting a tourism town hall meeting was discussed by councillors on the county's economic development committee at their Feb. 8 meeting.

"Some people are skeptical about what the county will or will not do," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve and com-

mittee chairwoman Carol Moffatt, who said she wants an informed canvassing of stakeholders as the county reshapes the department.

The county is shedding its economic development responsibilities to its lower tiers to focus more on tourism.

Department director Bob Smith is set to retire this spring and, as a result, some \$80,000 was removed from the department's budget for 2012.

It is unclear whether the county will be replacing Smith.

The county hosted a tourism town hall in the spring of 2010, which drew some 100 business leaders to discuss ideas.

Councillors discussed whether holding another such event would be appropriate.

Consultant Jim Blake conducted the last event and it would cost the county \$1,000 to have Blake facilitate the day, or up to \$4,500 for facilitation and the completion of analysis and a thorough report.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid suggested it might be a good idea to take the findings from the last town hall meeting and put them out to stakeholders to see if they still rung true, perhaps avoiding the expense of hosting another one. "Hopefully they'll be engaged and say, 'yay,' or 'nay,'" Moffatt said.

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Haliburton County news

Shoreline tree preservation branches out

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Members of the county's planning committee did some pruning of its draft shoreline tree preservation bylaw during their meeting on Feb. 8.

The bylaw, which will restrict tree-cutting within 30 metres of the high-water mark on waterfront properties, will eventually be circulated among the county's lower-tier townships for feedback and then put to the public for input.

"From a staff perspective, we might suggest you allow a pathway down to the water," said planning director Jane Tousaw.

Councillors agreed that this seemed like a reasonable accommodation.

"There has to be some common sense," said Dysart et al Reeve and county warden Murray Fearrey, adding that people will still need a way to get their boats in the

water.

"To me, if you have waterfront property and a boat, you have to have access to the lake," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

Councillors seem to agree that 15 feet seemed like a reasonable width for such pathways to be capped at.

There was also some discussion about how, precisely, a tree should be defined.

The draft bylaw defined a tree as being a woody, perennial plant capable of reaching a height of 4.5 metres at maturity. It had also included that no trees more than 4.5 feet tall and one inch in diameter be destroyed, a caveat that some councillors took issue with.

"I think one inch is a bit extreme," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. "That's weeding in my books, not a tree."

Tousaw said some townships allowed diameters of up to six inches in their shoreline tree preservation bylaws.

Highlands East Dave Burton suggested a diameter of four inches, or 10 centimetres, as a compromise.

This seemed agreeable for council members.

Reid said it was important to keep in mind the bylaw was about mitigating the removal of large trees.

Moffatt requested that the measurements contained in the final bylaw be written using the metric system.

"We have generations coming behind us that live in a metric world," she said.

The county's forestry bylaw will take precedence over the shoreline tree preservation bylaw.

"So we're not hurting our forestry industry with this bylaw," Tousaw said, adding that special forestry practices are employed adjacent to water bodies.

Municipalities are exempt in their operation of shoreline roads.

Tousaw said the draft bylaw would be taken to the lower tiers for feedback from councillors there, then come back to committee, then made available for public input, likely in the spring.

The new planning committee consists of all eight members of county council and is chaired by Reid.

County still thinking about hosting Youth Games

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county continues to look into hosting the 2014 Ontario Youth Summer Games.

The idea was first discussed by the county's economic

development committee during its January meeting and a letter of intent from county warden Murray Fearrey has been sent to organizers.

The county would need to send a bid submission by May 10 and at Wednesday's meeting, councillors discussed hiring consultant Dennis Casey to compose the bid for the county.

Casey, a Dysart et al councillor, conducted this process for the county before in a previous hosting attempt.

According to economic development director Bob Smith, Casey's fee would be \$6,500.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol

Moffatt wondered if a tender needed to be put out for the work in accordance with the county's purchasing policy, but chief administrative officer Jim Wilson confirmed the county could sole-source the work to Casey since it has used him for similar research in the past.

The composing of the bid requires a lot of footwork, including the acquisition of venues for 32 events; the county must have venues for all potential sporting events, even if they don't end up being held.

"It's a huge job," Fearrey said.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid seemed unsure if hosting the games was the best thing for the county.

Reid, who said she didn't know enough about what communities had held the event in the past and what the economic impacts had been, wondered what kind of financial commitment would be required of the county.

Bob Smith said the county would be required to set aside \$200,000, as it was required to do for the 2011 Winterfest Senior Games.

Treasurer Laura Janke was quick to point out that, while that money had to be set aside in case of shortfall, it was not used for Winterfest.

"It didn't end up costing us anything," Janke said.

Moffatt said hosting the event would mean the dedication of staff hours.

"There has to be a core team that will drive an event like this," she said.

Fearrey said the county may be able to look to HCDC for some money through its local initiatives stream and said going through the process would allow the county's townships to see whether their sporting facilities are up to snuff.

"I don't want to throw it under the bus just yet," Fearrey said.

Councillors requested a formal proposal from Casey.

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**Call for Choreographers and Bands
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Dusk Dances Haliburton is seeking two site-specific dance pieces created by choreographers or groups from the Haliburton County area for the 2012 program. We are looking for one piece that involves local young people and one that involves community members of varying ages. A professional fee will be paid to the choreographer or group for the development, creation and mounting of the performance piece at Head Lake Park in Haliburton, July 19th to July 22nd, 2012.

We are also seeking a local band or musical group that can attract an audience of all ages to perform as the opening act for Dusk Dances. A professional fee will be paid for four ½ hour performances July 19th to July 22nd, 2012.

Deadline for submissions: February 29, 2012

For a copy of the full applications and terms of reference contact:
Daniela Pagliaro at daniela.p@sympatico.ca

Dusk Dances Haliburton is a project of the
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Reads of the week



Book of the Week:

A Year of Living Generously by Lawrence Scanlan

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Junior Book of the Week: Junior Fiction Title

Making Bombs For Hitler by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

In *Stolen Child*, an acclaimed novel by Canadian author Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch, young readers were introduced to Larissa, a victim of Hitler's largely unknown Lebensborn program. In this companion novel, *Making Bombs For Hitler*, readers will learn the fate of Lida, her sister, who was also kidnapped by the Germans and forced into slave labour. Lida is put to work making bombs, but when rumours arise of the Allies turning the tide in the war, she and her friends will conspire to sabotage the bombs to help block the Nazis' war effort. Like *Stolen Child*, this novel is both a gripping page turner and an inspiring history lesson.

Local Celebrity Read:

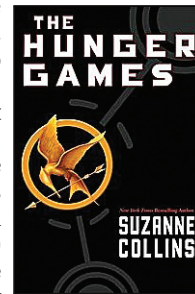


Becky Ridsdale, Grade 12 student at HHSS, is currently re-reading *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins in anticipation of the movie adaptation coming soon to theatres. "I'm really

excited about the movie," says Ridsdale. "I want my friend to drive me down to a theatre to see it the day it opens."

Ridsdale has read the entire Hunger series and decided to re-read the popular YA (teen) novels because she knew it was a sure thing that she would enjoy them a second time. "I knew I'd enjoy them again and I wanted to make sure I didn't miss anything," she says.

The Hunger Games is a dystopian novel that follows a group of teens as they are forced to battle to the death in an arena, a yearly event which is televised and broadcasted live across their nation. Ridsdale

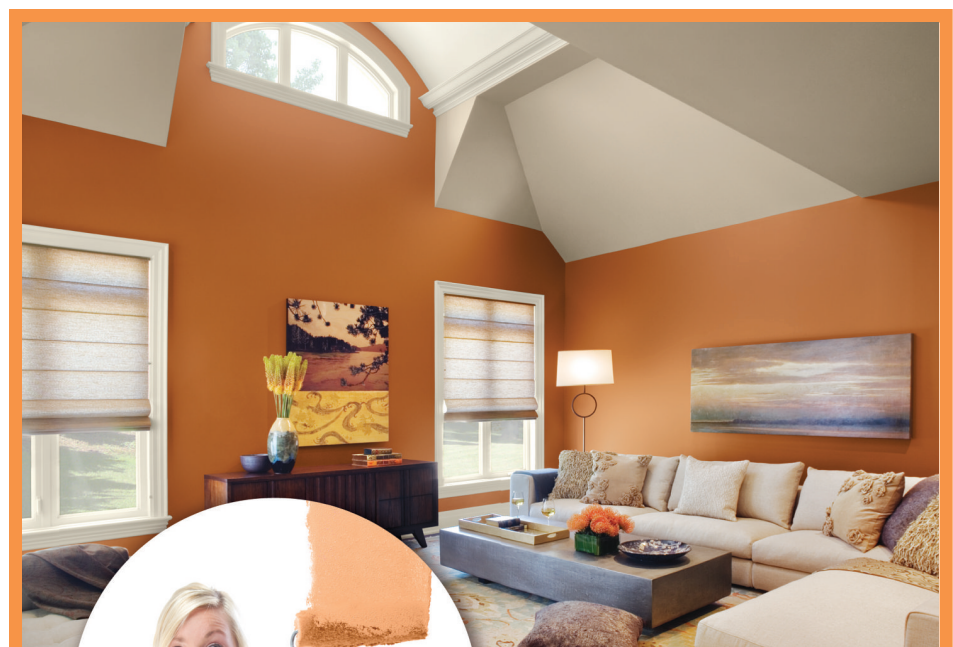


enjoys the series because "the characters are believable even though the story is unbelievable. Even though I am not living their lives, I feel like I could be."

Ridsdale is a fan of dystopian literature, saying that she reads it the most out of any genre or sub-genre. She also mentions that she enjoyed *The Last Survivor* series, the same series with which our last week's "celebrity reader" chose her featured read, *This World We Live In*.

News & Events:

Frost Festival Fun at your library! We invite kids to come visit the "Bird Cafe" at the Dysart branch in Haliburton Village on Saturday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be bird feeding crafts, winter bird coloring pictures, fact sheets, bird feed recipes and a scavenger hunt!



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Serving up spaghetti in Lochlin



Chad Ingram Staff
Minden Hills Councillor Jean Neville serves up some spaghetti to Jim Mitchell at a fundraising dinner at the Lochlin Community Centre on Feb. 11.



Nearly 100 people attended a spaghetti dinner at the Lochlin Community Centre on Feb. 11 in a fundraiser for the centre. The centre, which is available to rent, has drop-in euchre every other Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. for \$1.

Council protests against OAS changes

Dave Flaherty
QMI Agency

Members of the Lindsay and District Labour Council were on hand at Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin's Lindsay office on Thursday, Feb. 9, to protest possible changes to Old Age Security (OAS).

James Mulhern of the council said while Devolin was not on hand at his office, they spoke with his executive assistant Jamie Schmale.

Last month, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said it was time to address problems with Canada's retirement income system.

One of the possible options discussed has been raising the eligibility age from the current 65 to 67.

Mulhern said the proposed changes raise questions about Harper's trustworthiness.

He said the Tories claim OAS is becoming "unsustainable," but Mulhern argued it is quite sustainable.

"This is a government that is spending millions on jets, jails and corporate tax cuts," Mulhern said.

Although federal Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty said the changes are not imminent, Mulhern said it will still have an effect on residents, especially in an area such as Lindsay where most jobs are "minimum wage," and are having trouble saving for retirement.

"They are saying it's not going to effect people today but basically that they can't prove it," Mulhern said.

However, Devolin assured any changes would not be made overnight.

He said the phase-in period would likely take place in 10 years.

While there may not be problems with OAS at this point, the same cannot be said for the future, he said.

"The cost of the program is expected to triple in the next 20 years," Devolin said.

In the 1970s, there were seven workers for every one person who received OAS. He said that ratio is now down to four to one, and could be two to one in the next decade or two.

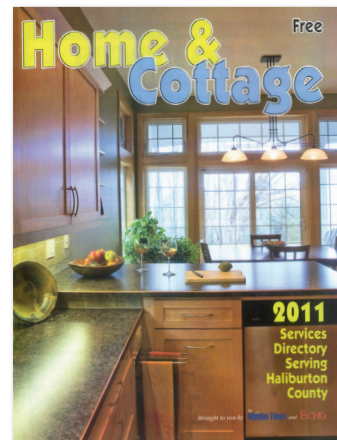
Even though any changes are simply discussions at this juncture, Devolin said taking action on OAS now will prevent potential problems down the road.

"The chances a future government will have a make a future decision about OAS is reduced," he said.

Devolin likened it to a situation in 1995 when Paul Martin claimed the Canadian Pension Plan (CPP) would be unsustainable in 20 years.

The Liberals doubled premiums, which he said wasn't a popular decision at the time but Canada is now the only G8 country with a stable public pension plan.

According to both Mulhern and Devolin, the two parties will meet to discuss the issue on Feb. 27.



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Sports

Hawks hold down top spot in Kawartha

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

When the dust settled it was easy to excuse anyone who thought the hockey game between the visiting Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Hurricanes and the Red Hawks hockey team was a Valentine's massacre.

For the most part last week's hockey game lived up to the pre-game hype, as the two best teams (both undefeated) in Kawartha traded proverbial (and literal) punches right up to the second period at the Dysart Arena on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

The partisan crowd was given ample opportunity to cheer and gasp, as the pair of teams had their share of scoring chances through the first half of the game. The rest of the game the table tilted in favour of the home side, which strung together five goals to one visitor's goal.

By the end of the second, the Haliburton

Highlands Secondary School boys' hockey team showed they were the top contenders and netted a 7-2 win.

Red Hawks coach Ron Yake, who was surprised by the score, said it was for the most part a two-goal game. The difference was in composure and discipline, he said.

"Our guys were disciplined. They played hard. They took some penalties that they deserved, but they didn't take retaliatory penalties. I think that's what their team, did as they took some retaliatory penalties and lost their focus a bit," Yake said. "With that said, I felt we did a good job. Our guys came out ready to play and I thought we had a good game."

He adds the team's balance, depth of three strong, quick lines and relentlessness helped to wear out the opposition.

"The key is that all three lines make sure they play well in their own end and make sure they're in a position to backcheck and that's what we always work on," he said.

The team, like any hockey team, wasn't

perfect, but made fewer mistakes. They continue to improve, he said.

Red Hawks forward Nate Feir, who proved to be a constant presence in front of the Hurricanes net, tallied the eventual game winner at 2:15 of the second period.

It was all but over when a short-handed goal by Red Hawks centre Brett Yake all but ended any chance of a comeback by the Hurricanes. Down two players, Yake picked up an errant pass in the middle of the ice and finished off the chance with a goal.

It put Haliburton up by three goals (4-1) before the Hurricanes could quickly counter with a power play goal by Kyle Poast seconds later.

Red Hawks goalie Andy Elia was solid when called upon, but Hurricanes' goalie Aaron Poast made many highlight reel saves to keep his team in the game for the better part of the game before the floodgates opened.

Coach Yake said he was happy the team had plenty of scoring chances five-on-five and on the power play.

Coming into the game both teams shared top spot in the Kawartha Boys High School Hockey League.

Both teams entered play with winning streaks, as the Red Hawks hockey team had just beat the Norwood District High School



Darren Lum Staff

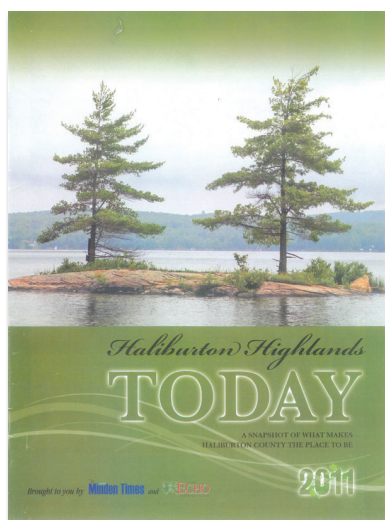
Red Hawks forward Chad LaRue watches his low shot beat Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School goalie Aaron Poast for the last goal of the game. Haliburton took sole spot for first in Kawartha with a 7-2 win and remain undefeated (10-0).

Knights (4-1, Jan. 18) while the Hurricanes came off a (6-1, Jan. 16) victory over Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute.

The Red Hawks remain perfect (10-0) and lead the league in goals (71) and goals against (13) in that span. The Hurricanes are second with the lone loss (8-1).

Yake, who leads the league with 29 points (16 goals and 13 assists), finished with two goals in the game while teammate Feir finished with three points (one goal and two assists). Ryan Hunter and Aaron Hillier both finished with a goal and an assist. Zach Boice and Chad LaRue each tallied a goal while defenceman Chris Hall ended the game with two assists.

Note: Feir (16 points), Hunter (17 points) and Hillier (17 points) are all in the top 10 for league scoring. Jordan Howe, who was held pointless in this game, is fourth in the league (20 points).



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Consultants proposing to bid are invited to attend an onsite meeting to discuss and review all materials on Monday, February 13th, 2012 at the Minden Hills Municipal Office, 7 Milne St., Minden, Ontario on the Second Floor in the Boardroom at 1:00 p.m. We would kindly ask that you RSVP to Laura Cunliffe @ lcunliffe@mindenhills.ca if you are attending.

Tenders will be received in a SEALED envelope clearly marked "Minden Hills Village Development Master Plan" no later than Friday, March 9th, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. as set out in the RFP, addressed to Minden Hills Municipal Office, 7 Milne St., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Bobcaygeon takes broom in bonspiel

On Feb. 11, the Minden Curling Club hosted the annual Minden-Bobcaygeon Challenge Spiel. Eight teams from Minden squared off against eight from the Bobcaygeon Curling Club to determine which club would take home the coveted Gord Zimmerman Broom.

There were two draws each consisting of an eight-end and a six-end game. Bobcaygeon prevailed in the first draw, which was highlighted by an eight-ender by the Minden team of Dave McKay, skip, Pat Woodcroft, vice, Iain Kay, second, and Joyce Nilsson, lead. In the second draw, Bobcaygeon took first place while the Minden teams of Jack and Winn Taylor and Steve and Audrey Robson took second and Ed and Mary Copeland and Steve and Gayle Upshall took third.

Overall, Bobcaygeon took home the Broom with an aggregate score of 190 ¼ points vs. Minden's total of 126 ¾. Minden is already looking forward to next year's rematch, which will be hosted by Bobcaygeon.

-Submitted by John du Manoir for the Minden Curling Club



Left to right, Gayle Upshall, lead, Steve Upshall, second, Mary Copeland, vice, and Ed Copeland, skip (photo by John du Manoir).



Left to right, Winn Taylor, lead, Steve Robson, second, Audrey Robson, vice, and Jack Taylor, skip (photo by John du Manoir).



Eight-ender scored by Joyce Nilsson, Pat Woodcroft, Dave McKay and Iain Kay (photo supplied by Jim and Marilyn Burrows). Photo submitted

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

- File No. SRA-11-06
Applicant – **Robert A. STIMSON**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9379, registered January 24, 2012.
- File No. RA-11-01
Applicant – **Richard M. Samelko**
Part of the original allowance for road between Concessions 4 and 5 in front of Lot 5, in the geographic township of Hindon, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R- 9335, registered November 8, 2011.
- File No. SRA-10-03
Applicant – **Michael and Yvonne POPE**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 5. Plan 19R8920, registered March 17, 2009.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department of the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

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With the highest point total the winners of the CarQuest Trophy was the team skipped by Norton Garry, vice Jack Taylor, second Steve Robson and lead Larry Goreski.

The Minden Curling Club and all who participated would like to thank the CarQuest of Minden owners Andy and Christa Rickard for sponsoring this event.

The draw winners were:

- First draw**
- 1st Dave Connell, Haliburton
 - 2nd Brian Hough, South Muskoka
 - 3rd Ted Wilkes, Minden
 - 4th Ray Kidon, Minden
- Second draw**
- 1st Norton Gary, Minden
 - 2nd Joe Willemse, Woodville
 - 3rd Wayne Medford, Lindsay
 - 4th Steve Upshall, Minden

-Submitted by Gord Sheehan



Left to right, Steve Robson, Larry Goreski, Norton Garry and Jack Taylor proudly display the Minden CarQuest trophy. Photo submitted



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Successful series for Storm Peewee AE

The Peewee AE team took the first series in three straight wins. The third game was played in Haliburton on Saturday, Feb. 11 against Oshawa.

The first period started out with both teams working hard to dominate and ending it tied at 1-1. The Storm's goal was unassisted by Jon Morrison.

The momentum grew in the second period as the Storm found the net scoring three more goals.

The constant rushes achieved Mitch Billings, Ben Schmidt and Jon Morrison the goals, with assists by Trevor Turner and Ryan Prentice.

It continued into the third period as the Storm took control of the game with some awesome passes and another three goals to end the game 7-1.

Hats off to Ben Schmidt for two of the goals giving him a hat-trick, the other goal went to Alex Wilbee. The assists came from Aidan Garbutt, Ben Schmidt, Alex Petrie and Alec Stoughton.

Great job boys!

The Highland Storm Peewee AE teams is proudly sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Storm Bantam B girls advance in semi-finals

The Storm Minden Car Quest Bantam B girls advanced to the second round semi-finals in their Lower Lakes Female Hockey League play-offs on Saturday night with a 3-1 victory over the West Northumberland Wild, taking the best of three series 2 to 0. E

rin Little scored mid-way through the first off a nice rush down the boards, cutting in and going "five hole" on the tender.

Sydney Feir put the Storm up 2-0 late in the first with a nice wrister past the Wild goalie.

A scoreless second period was followed with an open-

ing draw face-off goal to start the third period by the Wild center... taking the face-off and making a move to beat the "D" and then going high glove on the Storm tender.

Cassidy Garbutt solidified the win with a patient rush late in the third period with the Wild goalie pulled, hitting the empty net from center. Great win girls.

Stay game ready as we get the games scheduled to take on Whitby in round two.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Highland Storm Peewee As lose two games in semi-finals

Dr. Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Peewee As, started the OMHA semi finals on Saturday, Feb. 11 against the Centre Hastings Grizzlies, a team they had met at several regular season tournaments.

The Storm seemed to be outplaying and skating the Grizzlies on Saturday but the scoreboard showed a different story, no matter how hard the boys tried the puck was just not their friend.

The Grizzlies scored first and by the end of the second period it was 4-1 for them, our goal was scored by Chris Thompson, I think it was assisted by Josh Boice. Everyone continued to play hard and the Storm managed one more goal by Max MacNaull, but we ended up losing 5-2.

The second game was Sunday, Feb. 12 in Marmora. Hopes were high as these teams are equally matched but it proved to be a similar game to Saturdays.

With a great surge of effort and harder work in the third period the Storm boys managed two goals but were unable to tie or win the game.

It was a loss of 3-2 with our goals going to Chris Thompson, possibly assisted by Chase Burden and the second goal was by Chase Burden. I am unsure who assisted him. Our next game is Saturday, Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. in Haliburton.

Please come out and cheer these boys on. They have worked hard to get where they are, and a little encouragement goes a long way. Thanks for your support.

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Atom As start quarter finals

Saturday begins our battle against Center Hastings in Minden, and turns out to be a bit of a disappointment for us.

With a few quick goals scored on us, in the first few minutes of the game, we rallied back and managed to tie up the game, and get one more to put us up by a goal, all in the first period.

The boys did a great job skating and keeping up to them. Battling hard in front of the net, trying hard to keep us in the game, but unfortunately, their attempts at that weren't answered and we lost our first game of the weekend 4-3.

Sunday we travelled to Marmora, to play game two of the series, in hopes to tie up the standings at a game a piece, but that is unfortunately not the case. We are down two games to zero. We certainly have our work cut out for us this weekend coming.

Scoring our goals this weekend were Luke Hunter (3), Shawn Walker (2), Owen Gilbert (1). Good luck next weekend, here's hoping we can turn this series around in our favour. Come out Saturday at 3:30 to help cheer on the boys in Haliburton.

Submitted by Joanne Sisson

Bantam AEs eliminate Georgian Shores

The Georgian Shores Lightning came to Haliburton on Saturday to face the Dave's Landscaping/McKee Security Bantam AE Storm.

With the Storm leading the best of five series two games to none they were anxious to finish off the Lightning and move on in the OMHA playdowns.

After a scoreless first period the Storm opened the scoring at 13:15 of the second period with Josh Rowden finishing off a Lucas Essen set up from in close.

The Lightning tied the game at 11:16 on a power play. Less than a minute later Hunter Bishop put the Storm ahead once more with a great solo effort as he won the face off, moved in, and beat the goalie up high on the

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Bantam AEs anxious for OMHA playdowns

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short side.

Essen gave the Storm some breathing room when he scored after a nice play by Bishop to put them up 3-1. Bishop tallied his second and made it game, set and series when he was sent in alone after a couple of good passes from Kyle Lavergne and Brenden McKee.

Goal keepers Austin McKay and Cole Finlay were undefeated in the series.

The Storm now wait to see who they will face in the next round.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan

Highland Storm Atom AE team eliminated in two close games

The Highland Storm Atom AE team was defeated in two close games in Minden by Georgian Shores on the weekend eliminating Storm from the playoffs. The first game on Saturday saw the Storm team down 3-0 at the beginning of the third period.

The team then battled back with goals by Carter Bull and Will Petrie. Goalie Jaxson Campbell kept making outstanding saves to stop the Georgian Shores attack.

Miki Bukta finally scored the tying goal with less than three minutes remaining sending the game to

overtime. Overtime saw a number of chances for both sides but the Georgian Shores team finally scored on the power play to get the 4-3 win.

The second game saw the Storm team open the scoring with a goal by Braden Robinson in the first period.

Georgian Shores scored two in the second period and a third at the beginning of the third period and again Highland Storm fought back.

With goalie Jaxson Campbell pulled from the net Nigel Smith managed to score Storm's second goal with under a minute left. The tying goal was not to be as Georgian Shores scored an empty net goal for a 4-2 win.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

Take time to prep make winter easier

The Mechanic

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Got any hints on making winter driving easier? Oh, never mind; the snow just started to melt ...

The most important part in dealing with the winter season is to take time to prep your vehicle properly. When you stop for fuel, take the time to top up the washer fluid reservoir and make sure to use top quality fluid - the one that won't freeze unless it's colder than 40 below. It may not be that cold outside, but the wind chill factor will quickly freeze a lesser mixture.

Inspect the wipers. They should not squeak, chatter or miss any spots as they sweep across the glass. Just a hint, make sure you turn the wipers off when you park.

Blades tend to freeze to the glass (especially if they're moist) as the vehicle cools down.

If you leave the wipers on, they'll start to wipe on start-up potentially resulting in damage to the wiper's rubber material.

Take a moment to check your lights. The lighting system is critical to operating your vehicle during our long winter nights. Think about it - the lighting system is your way of communicating your presence with other drivers.

On sloppy days, you may notice the lights getting dim, because the dirty spray kicked up from the road literally bakes on the lens covers due to the heat from the bulbs.

Drive on the top half of the fuel tank. Fuel consumption is up in the cold because tires are stiffer, greased bearings drag, the engine runs less efficiently and all that traffic and conditions means (or should mean) you're driving more slowly. Operation on the top half of the tank reduces the amount of air in the tank and reduces the amount of moisture created as the fuel warms and cools in normal operation conditions.

Add a fuel conditioner once a month to help absorb moisture and avoid the fuel line freezing up.

Last one - if your car has a recycle switch on the heater shut it off. Have you ever driven by a small car and seen all the windows fogged over? It's because the HVAC system is not drawing fresh air into the vehicle. Every time we exhale we expel moisture, which adheres to the glass.

OK, one more ... take heart, spring is only a few weeks away.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE

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2012-13 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the June 21, 2012 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by April 1, 2012. Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden Business Offices, during regular business hours, or by contacting:

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Algonquin Forestry Authority would like to hear from you.

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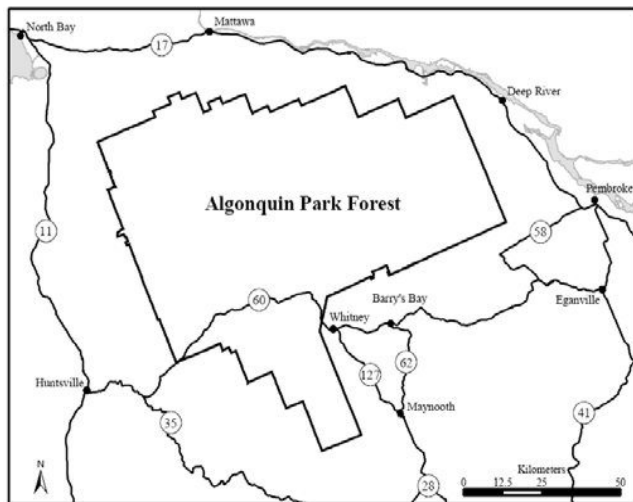
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Shake those cabin fever blues!



Gina Atkinson
Stanhope Life

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Did the groundhog see his shadow or not? It depends on whom you talk to! One thing we can say for sure is that winters aren't what they used to be. We are lucky that the snow isn't melting away and our winter crowd will

have enough to enjoy outdoor sports and we are also lucky that we don't live in Italy right now!

According to my Ma many parts of Italy are getting blasted with tons of snow. We still have family in many parts of Italy that she is in contact with and it sounds very bleak, power outages, snow so deep that people can't get out and to make matters worse their heavy-duty snow removal equipment is rusty and dated for lack of use. Imagine that - lack of use!

We are extremely lucky in that we are taken care of every winter. Although it hasn't

been one of those record setting winters I haven't had to change any travel plans because of road conditions. So once in a while we should take a minute and appreciate those that go out at all hours of the day and night so that we can motor as usual. Thank you!

Not to put a negative on winter, but I'm very glad we are on the tail end of it. By February this usually happens to me; winter makes me sluggish.

As you know I am on the board of directors for Community Living and together with the rest of the board we are putting our heads together to create an evening of fun, a time to catch up with friends and neighbours that you might not have seen all winter. It's time to shake those cabin fever blues!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 10. There is going to be a great dance at the Carnarvon Bowl. We have music planned that is guaranteed to get you off the chair and onto the dance floor. The Carnarvon Bowl is one of my favourite places for a dance; it has all the charm of dance floors of many years ago. Places like the Carnarvon Bowl are a vanishing breed.

The reason for this dance is to raise money for Community Living Haliburton. There is a big transportation problem up here but this one hits close to home. Every year under the supervision of a Community Living staff person a group of learning disabled people have meaningful employment in our community. It creates a little more spending cash for them and gives them a chance to get out and enjoy life. So far this year I have been told that all previous job "contracts" have been renewed plus a potential for more but without a reliable truck and trailer - this won't happen! Last year was a bad year for Community Living vehicles, one of them has been sent out to retirement pastures (the dump). The car is deemed unsafe and the van,

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For forms and further information please contact:

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MEETING NOTICE

2012 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

TAKE NOTICE that Council will continue its 2012 budget deliberations during its Regular Council Meeting scheduled for **Thursday, March 1, 2012** in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dated this 15th Day of February, 2012.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk
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Dance the night away at the Carnarvon Bowl

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which has the wheelchair ramp, also needs expensive repair. So here we are its one of those win-win situations I always

talk about. You win because you will feel good about coming out and having a blast and whatever money we can make out of this will be a win situation for those that need some help. More details will follow. Have a great week.

Dorset Snowball is this weekend



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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Congratulations to Emma MacKay who has won several figure skating awards in competitions over the last several months. Emma wishes to thank everyone who supported her, her coach and the Lake of Bays Skating Club. In Feb. 2011, Dorset residents Gord Schakelaar, Dale Webb, Lorraine and Steve Cyopick used the Public Access Defibrillator at the Dorset Recreation Centre to save the life of Paul Whitelaw. Haliburton County Emergency Services Public Access Defibrillator Program would like to celebrate this success and publicly thank everyone involved for their quick response. Please join the celebration to be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, Feb. 16 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Amy Brohm at 705-457-1616.

There will be no adult volleyball at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, Feb. 16. The 22nd annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival Family Skating Party starts at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17. As of writing this column, the ice at the Dorset Ice Palace is in great condition and as long as the weather cooperates, the skating party promises to be lots of fun. The Dorset Recreation Committee will be providing hot dogs and hot chocolate at the party and donations are gratefully accepted to help cover costs. DJ KJ Chris will be providing music and a fantastic light show for the party. Participation requires a \$3 Snowball Button and will be available

to purchase from recreation committee volunteers. The button is required to attend all of Saturday's events, too.

Should the weather not cooperate, organizers will shift the Skating Party into the Recreation Centre and the event will morph into the Dorset Snowball Family Dance Party, so, no matter the weather, be sure to attend! Saturday kicks off with the Muskoka Shrine Club Hillbilly Pancake Breakfast at the Recreation Centre starting at 8 a.m. Next on the agenda is the snow sculpture activity (weather permitting) from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. outside the ball diamond. The parade leaves Dorset Garage at 11 a.m., heads north on Main Street and ends in front of the Recreation Centre with the official carnival opening.

The day continues with a plethora of music, food, entertainment and activities for the whole family. Snowball brochures with the complete schedule should have appeared in your mailbox. If not, the schedule can also be found at www.dorsetsnowball.com or call 705-766-9968 for more information.

The Dorset Lions Club invites all Seniors of Dorset (55+) to a complimentary dinner at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. Please call Lion Esther Fortney at 705-766-2830 to make a reservation.

Birthday wishes for the week of Feb. 12 to 18 go out to Esther Fortney, Kyle Jones, Sarina McKey, Lisa and Lindsey Dunn, Jordyn Nash and happy first birthday to Skye Boughen and Happy Birthday to Skye's Dad, Jamie Hurley on Feb. 21. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day! To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

Youth Unlimited is offering an after school program, at A.S.E.S starting Jan 31 for grades 6, 7, 8 for 6 weeks, in the school library from 3:30-5:30pm for fun games, activities, talk time & a healthy snacks. Registration forms available at school or online at www.youthunlimitedkaw.com or call 705-854-0401

Jan 15-March 4th The Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing (CADS) will run a low cost Sunday programme for children and adults who have any form of disability, ie. physical, social, visible. Age is no problem. A pre-programme registration is required. Our 2012 programme begins at Sir Sams January 15th at 9:30am. and concluded by 3pm. or when the student shows signs of fatigue. Volunteers with average skiing ability are welcome to participate in the programme. For more information call Terry Maher 705-457-9604

Feb 21, & 28 Yoga at the Library with Linda Shadbolt from 4-5p, in the Howard Roberts Room Admission by donation to the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library

Feb 8: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild will meet at 1 pm at Stanhope Community Centre. Jan Anderson, an Osteopath, will instruct on how to prevent and treat chronic and acute injuries as they apply to sewing and quilting. Bring running shoes, comfortable clothes, a pen & paper and participate. Call Pat Stiver at (705) 489-3751 for information.

Feb 11: Lochlin community Centre Spaghetti Dinner served with meat sauce, salad, roll and dessert. Adults \$10 Children 12 & under \$6 Children 4 and under FREE. For reservations call Leitha @ 705-286-1398 or Helen 705-286-6087 Seatings available for 4:30 or 5:45

Feb 11: Tall Pines Snowmobile Club Poker Rally for more information visit www.tallpines.org

Feb 18: Musical Variety Concert at Maple Lake United Church at 7p.m. All Welcome Good will donation offerings Refreshments after

Feb 20: FREE Public Skate 11am-12:30pm for more information call Ray at the Dysart Arena 705-457-2083

Feb 25: Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton, Youth Public Speaking Competition. Parents, family and the public are invited to attend the annual Public Speaking Competition at the Legion Hall, commencing at 1.00 PM on Saturday February 25th 2012, when students from all grades will compete by making short presentations of their choice. This is an enjoyable experience for all. Please support our youth in Haliburton.

• **Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild** meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574

• **TOASTMASTERS** meet at the Minden United Church Wednesdays at 7pm Everyone Welcome ages 18 – 80. What is TOASTMASTERS ? Visit www.toastmasters.org

• **Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636** will be hosting a musical performance by The Kellett Family on Saturday, March 3 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. The afternoon includes 'Open Mic' time for anyone that want to take the stage and there will be meat draws with tickets purchased at the event. The public is invited to join us at the intersection of Hwy #35 and County Road #21.

• **The Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636** is looking for volunteers to help out in the branch kitchen. If you can spare a few hours each week to help the Legion continue their support to the community and the membership please call the branch at 705-286-4541. It will be much appreciated.

• **SCENE/SEEN** in Haliburton: Rails End Gallery Members' Salon Exhibition Enjoy the "Haliburton scene" and check out this group exhibition in the salon style. Cast your vote for the Peoples Choice Award and see work by over 50 talented local artists in a wide range of media. Gallery hours Wed – Sat 11-5 23 York St. Haliburton Village www.railsendgallery.com 457 2330

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NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Come enjoy a pancake brunch on Feb. 21



Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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unsigned Valentines in the mailbox. When confronted he would deny ownership but point out that the cards were from Hallmark and therefore obviously from a sender of quality.

Now our old farmhouse is full of books. When writing about the monthly book sale coming up this weekend at the Kinmount library I decided to take stock of the reading materials presently available here in the small upstairs washroom. To put it mildly they left much to be desired.

This morning while leafing through the *Pioneer Homestead Catalogue of Country Living* by Alymer residents Elmo and Mark Stoll, I came to realize the importance of teaching a calf to lead while still of manageable size and temperament and how to build my own apple cider press.

If bored with this 1988 Amish treasure complete with really nice hand drawn illustrations there is still within easy reach, the alternatives of the May 1962 issue of Park Maintenance or the Home Care and Upkeep manual with its fascinating list of stain removal techniques. What a bummer but on the other hand it does discourage lengthy sit-ins.

With Wiarton Willie predicting six more weeks of winter why not stock up on your reading supplies at the Friends of the Kinmount Library monthly book sale this Saturday, Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the facility. There are always great bargains available. Donations of both hard cover and paperback books in good condition can be deposited in the marked collection box at any time (please no texts, magazines, encyclopedia sets) with funds raised going to enrichment efforts at the branch. The book sale is held on the third Saturday of each month and the branch is accessible.

Reports back from the recent dinner/auction in support of the Kinmount bursary project have been extremely positive.

Now here is another opportunity to enjoy an evening out for a good cause raising funds for the Kinmount Gazette and also for the Victoria Pony Club. On Satur-

day, March 3 head out to the Galway Hall and enjoy a country style menu featuring ham and scalloped potatoes complete with homemade dessert and beverage. Doors open for a social hour at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. and loonie auction to follow. Tickets are \$12/person and available from any Gazette or Pony Club member or by calling 705-488-2547. Donations for the auction would be warmly welcomed and can also be made by calling that telephone number.

The United Church Women and Kinmount United Church, invites everyone to their pancake brunch coming up on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at the Kinmount Community Centre at 11 am. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children with pre-schoolers free of charge. For those familiar with the Christian calendar this day is Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day, Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras, the day before Ash Wednesday the first day of Lent. Lent is that period of 40 days before Easter and traditionally a time of fasting and personal reflection.

Apparently pancakes were the menu of choice for that day as they contained eggs, milk and fat which would have not been part of the Lenten diet.

Continuing on a food theme for all you liver and onions fans here is a message from the Kinmount Legion branch 441. On Tuesday, Feb. 28 this delicacy will be served up from 11:30 am. to 1:30 p.m. but for those who prefer another entrée an alternative menu will be available.

As Kinmount Winterfest quickly approaches check out the variety of family fun activities for that Sunday, Feb. 26 by clicking on www.kinmount.ca, reading the latest issue of the *Kinmount Gazette* or by picking up the bright pink brochure/entry form at local businesses. Some events require a head start such as the contests for house decorating, chili prep or building that prize winning cardboard toboggan.

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Deaths

SPARLING, Reta Elizabeth
November 27, 1954

Passed away on Friday, February 3, 2012 at the Scarborough General Hospital with her husband and friend by her side. She will be deeply missed by all, but never forgotten. Special thanks to all the extraordinary staff at the Palliative Care Unit for their care, kindness and compassion. A private funeral service will be held at North York Cemetery for family.



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My cherished wife and friend
Ours is a love that deepened through the years
And it's a love that will never end*

*Thank you for being the kind of wife and mother
Who blessed our home and family
By doing special things for each one of us
And loving us unconditionally*

*You watched over us in good times and bad
You honoured every wedding vow
As you cared for us in sickness and health
And we feel lost without you now*

*It's so hard to realize that life has changed
And it will never be the same again
As I face a lonelier future
Without you, my dearest wife and friend*

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Deaths

HEWITT, Beaulah Ellen Jane (nee Cox)

- Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Sunday, February 12, 2012. In her 94th year. Beloved wife of the late Raymond. Dear mother of Elaine and Wayne Anderson (deceased), Opal (deceased) and Don Crowe, Moyer (deceased) and Pennay Hewitt, Joy and Don Kellett, Sterling (deceased), Valorie and Bryce Gilbert (deceased). Loving grandma of 13 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, 6 great great grandchildren. Dear sister of Denzil and predeceased by Lyman, Loyne, Herb, Loyas and Elwood. Fondly remembered by her brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden K0M 2K0 on Wednesday from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Then to the Minden United Church, Newcastle St., Minden for the Funeral Service on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at the church (downstairs). Spring Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.
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VINEHAM, Roy "Roy Boy" - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on February 7, 2012 with his family by his side. At the age of 55. Dear son of Kathleen and the late Reginald Vineham of Newfoundland. Beloved husband of Rose Vineham of Minden. Loving father of Tina, Roy Jr. "Buck", Scott, Harley, Michael, Shannon, Bonnie-May, Kelly-Lynn and grandfather to 6 grandchildren. Dear brother of Reg, Arn, Len, Rod, Pans, and Verna. Remembered by the Road Dogs and by his other biker friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, February 11, 2012 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Memorial Donations to the Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.
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*A million times I've needed you
A million times I've cried,
If love could have saved you
You never would have died.
Things we feel most deeply
Are the hardest things to say,
My dearest one, I loved you,
In a very special way.
If I could have one lifetime wish
One dream that could come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart
For yesterday and you.*

Memoriam Verse #81
To remember a loved one with this verse
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Deaths

WAGG, Virna - Passed away peacefully at the Extendicare, Haliburton on Friday, February 10, 2012. At the age of 95. Beloved wife of the late Wallace Wagg (1962). Dear mother of Roger Wagg of Bradford, Linda and her husband Tony Salvatori of Haliburton. Loving grammy and nanny to Sharon Villani, Alan Wagg (Debbie), Adam Wagg, Josh Wagg, Sean Salvatori, Tracy (Fausto) Mastrodicasa, Jay (Tracy) Salvatori, great grandmother of Eric, Lisa, Alan, Ryan, Kayla, Marco, Kole, Deana and Adriano. Dear sister of Wallace (Reta) Crofts, Grant (Eileen) Crofts, predeceased by Charlie, Bill, Kay, Gladys and Bruce. Lovingly remembered by her family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, K0M 2K0 on Tuesday from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Then to the Ingoldsby United Church for the Funeral Service on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at the Church (downstairs). Spring interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Extendicare Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family.

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*Time takes away the edge of grief,
But memory turns back every leaf.*

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In loving memory of my
Mother In Law Gala Stamp
Miss you much Mom, will never
forget all the good times. YOU
were one of a kind!! Our last
conversation, I will never forget.
Forever in my heart.
~Paula Stamp.

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**Stamp, Gala who left our lives February
16th, 2011.**

MOM

*God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put his arms around you
And whispered "come to me"
With tearful eyes we watched you fade
away*

*Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay
A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands now rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best*

We love and miss you mom
Jill & Bill, Boomer & Jill & Jason

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**Stamp, Gala who left our lives on
February 16th, 2011**

Gramma Stamp

*We miss you so much
We miss your smile, your stories
We especially miss your laugh
So what we are saying is
WE MISS YOU and love you very much*

Your Grand kids
Jessie, Tyler, Shleby, Paige, Jessica,
Logan, Kaydence & MacKenzie

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SCHEDULE B: Administration
SCHEDULE G: Cemetery
SCHEDULE H: Parks and Recreation
SCHEDULE I: Environment – Water, Sewer & Landfill
SCHEDULE D: Minden Hills Cultural Centre

COUNCIL WILL ALSO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE 'A' OF BY-LAW #11-26, BEING A BY-LAW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION OF CAMPING PERMITS AND THEIR RATES AND FEES TO BE COLLECTED THROUGH THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS WATER TRAILS PROGRAM (as set out in the January 12th, 2012 Committee of the Whole Agenda/Minutes.

(Full details are available on the Township website (Notices) and copies of the amended Schedules are also available upon request).

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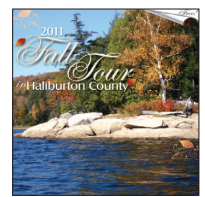
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<p>HORSESHOE LAKE</p> <p>\$299,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spectacular million dollar view! Immaculate! Southern exposure, sand beach, large deck. 3 bedrooms, bunkie, large back yard. Photo Gallery at www.billkulas.com <p>Call Bill Kulas at 705-286-2911 ext 444 or visit www.billkulas.com</p>	<p>MINDEN AREA HOME</p> <p>\$229,000</p> <p>Beautiful country home open and bright - new kitchen with w/o to rear deck - hardwood floors - 3 + 1 bedrooms - ensuite - new family room and finished basement - FAO + air conditioning - heated garage - nicely landscaped lot</p> <p>Call Ted Vasey at 705-457-1011 or visit www.tedvasey.com</p>	<p>THIS PLACE HAS IT ALL!</p> <p>\$229,000</p> <p>Impressive great room with floor to ceiling stone fireplace with airtight. Some finishing required but great value in this property. Great location, located in centre between Haliburton & Minden.</p> <p>Call Jeff Wilson at 705-457-8487 or visit www.RealEstate-Haliburton.com</p>	<p>CRANBERRY LAKE LOT</p> <p>\$114,900</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.28 Acres Hydro, driveway in well treed and very private 252 ft waterfront <p>Call Karen at 647-236-9601 or visit www.youronlineagents.com/karenwood</p>	<p>HALIBURTON BY THE LAKE</p> <p>\$364,900</p> <p>Spacious 3 PLUS bedroom home close to the Village of Haliburton. Separate D.R., open eating area, L.R., large kitchen w/ island/vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, 5 piece ensuite w/ whirlpool tub, walkout and walk-in closet off of master bedroom, main floor laundry, 2 car attached garage, 2 rooms upstairs for den or office or guests. Full basement with 2 rooms finished downstairs. Enjoy access to the private park area at the lake.</p> <p>Call Deb at 705-457-1011 or visit www.youronlineagents.com/deblambe</p>
<p>CLEMENT LAKE ROAD</p> <p>\$159,900</p> <p>2 bedroom home with laminate floors, ICF full basement with walkout, dining room with walkout all located on 9.1 acres and very secluded in its location. Added bonuses are drilled well, FAO furnace and a large 2 car detached garage with high ceilings and insulated. Lots here for the money! Call today.</p> <p>Call Vince 705-457-0046 or visit www.vinceduchene.com</p>	<p>HIGHLAND GROVE</p> <p>\$159,900</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 206' of Frontage, 1 acre lot 3 Bedrm / 1 Bath, Main floor laundry 3700 sq.ft. Living quarters & store Year round Municipal Road <p>Call the Rick Forget Team at 705-448-2222 or visit www.haliburtonhighlands-remax.com</p>	<p>PINE RIDGE ESTATES</p> <p>\$279,900</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superb open concept design Nine foot high ceilings Forced air propane heating Two car attached garage <p>Call Geoff at 705-286-2911 ext 245 or visit www.haliburtonwaterfront.com</p>	<p>BAT LAKE PRIVACY</p> <p>\$499,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great retirement property with mature landscaping 2 bedroom home with 2 heated sleeping cabins for the guests storage in a detached double garage Private lot on quiet lake. <p>Call Lynda Litwin 705-457-8511 or visit www.youronlineagents.com/lyndalitin</p>	<p>GUILFORD LAKE</p> <p>\$899,900</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Premium 5BR Waterfront Property Nearly 2 ac natural lot Full finished walkout basement Quiet Algonquin-esque Lake <p>Call Linda and Troy at 705-455-7653 or visit www.haliburtonrealestate.on.ca</p>
<p>36 ANSON ST MINDEN</p> <p>\$129,900</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 bedroom, 3 bath Town Water and Sewer Full Basement Quiet Neighborhood <p>Call Fred at 705-286-2911 or visit www.fredchapple.com</p>	<p>FANTASTIC IN-TOWN PROPERTY</p> <p>\$169,900</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3+1 Bedroom Home with Finished Rec. Room Walk-out Basement, New Deck, Hardwood Floors Great Location within Walking Distance to Haliburton Village Rental Income Potential, Excellent opportunity! <p>Call Ken and Jacquie at 705-457-1011 or visit www.kenbarry.com</p>	<p>MISQUABI LAKE - EXCLUSIVE LISTING!</p> <p>\$850,000</p> <p>220 Feet of Sand/Rock Shoreline! 5 Bedrooms & 4 Bathrooms! Main Fl Master Bedroom with Ensuite! Fully Finished Walkout Basement Offering 3400 SqFt in this Custom Yr Rd Log Residence. Stone Propane Fireplace, Hardwood Flooring All Nestled on 1.63 Acres of Total Privacy Close to Haliburton.</p> <p>Call John and Marj at 705-457-1011 or visit www.johnparish.net</p>	<p>KUSHOG LAKE</p> <p>\$479,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 148' of frontage 3 bedrooms; 2 bathrooms Bunkie at waters edge 2,500 square feet of total living area <p>Call Lisa Mercer at 705 457 0364 or visit www.lisamercer.ca</p>	<p>CLOSE TO HAWK LAKE</p> <p>\$259,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3300 sq. home Walk to public boat launch Across from lovely hiking trail Snowmobile from your front door <p>Call Terry at 705-457-1011 or visit www.terrylcar.com</p>

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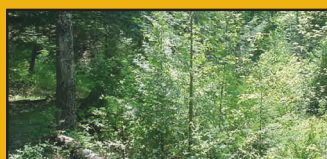
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2 Large Building Lots

- Adjacent lots, level, nicely wooded
- Haliburton or Minden
- Over an acre offered at \$18,500
- Over 4 acres offered at \$29,800

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A Home In The Country \$193,000

- Country home, close to public access to Kushog Lake
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open concept
- Newer windows, kitchen, flooring, and appliances
- Large level lot

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Lakefront & Sunset View! \$72,000

- Cedar Lake vacant waterfront lot
- 240 feet of water frontage
- Level lot with southwest exposure
- Easy year round access

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Miskwabi Lake \$419,900

- Charming 3BR chalet on beautiful Miskwabi Lake
- Very private, level lot, 192' shoreline
- Immaculate cottage, lots of upgrades
- Miles of boating, year round municipal road

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Welcome Home to Soyers Lake! \$669,000

- 285' of shoreline, level lot, sandy frontage
- Huge lake view, easy year round access
- 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with 2 fireplaces
- Attached garage and boathouse

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Minden Acreage - \$229,000

- 200 acre parcel just minutes from town
- Good mixture of both hard and soft woods
- Large pond, trails throughout, old homestead
- Severance potential or great family acreage

Peter Franzen 286-2138 x 52



Irondale River \$265,000

- 3 bedrooms/2 baths
- 10 acres + river frontage
- Full Basement/Db. Att'd Garage
- Call for a list of Upgrades

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



Kennisis River \$259,000

- 2000 s.f. 3+2 BR, 3 baths on Kennisis River
- Double car insulated garage, shed with 220
- Flat lot with 400 feet of clean sand bottom
- Tube or kayak into Halls lake

Lee Gauthier 489-9968



Newcastle Street \$154,900

- Awesome vintage home dripping with charm
- Covered veranda, new decks tons of upgrades
- Open concept kitchen/living/dining & office
- Two BR, 1 1/2 bath mn flr laundry full bsmt

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



Sir Sam's Home \$329,000

- 2.76 private acres on Municipal Road
- Cathedral ceilings, pine plank flooring
- Mins. to boat launch, beach, store & gas

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968



Anson Street 146,000

- 3 BR bung on a level lot walking to downtown
- New roof & windows '08 new ceramic and laminate
- The kitchen/family/dining rms face the sunny south
- Great potential here priced to sell

Anne Moulton 286-2138 x 24



2000' on Gull River \$479,000

- 2900 sq 'rnd pine log, 3 bdrm, 3 bath
- Floor to cathedral ceiling fireplace
- Handicap friendly, boat to 3 lakes
- 25 ac of mixed bush, trails, privacy

Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel 754-1932



Commercial Building \$239,000

- Nicely renovated 2 story office building
- Great location downtown Minden.
- Ideal for professional or retail business.
- Presently has a tenant on lease.

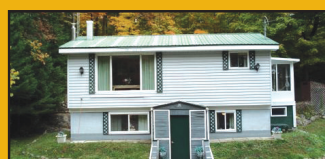
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A Home in the Country \$279,900

- Spacious Bungalow on 100 acres
- Very Private surrounded by crown land
- Large pond on property
- Attached single garaged and detached double

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



Wenona Lake Deeded Access \$154,900

- 2 bedroom 1 bath home on a pretty country lot
- Vinyl siding, metal roof, paved driveway,
- Master bedroom walkout to screened in porch
- Deeded access to Wenona Lake close by

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Beautiful Little Redstone Lake \$479,000

- SW exp., 151' shoreline on .75 acre lot
- Approx 1200 sq ft with 3 BR, 1.5 bath,
- Winterized water, 4 season cottage
- Hardwood floors, newer appliances

Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30



Trooper Lake Cottage \$324,900

- Waterfront Cottage - Southern Exposure
- 3 Bedrooms & Bunkie - Many upgrades
- New Kitchen & New Roof In 2009
- Sandy Shoreline, all day sun... Come and See!

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



Haliburton Home \$134,500

- Close to town on 2.4 acres
- Many upgrades - windows, siding & ensuite
- 2 bdrms, 2 baths
- Great starter home

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



5 Lake Chain! \$479,000

- Waterfront home with easy year round access
- Full finished basement with w/o
- Maintenance free siding
- Amazing view and close to town

David Lee 286-2138 x 27



Brick Home \$259,000

- Large brick home near Carnarvon on flat lot
- 3 bedrooms and 2 baths with hardwood
- Custom open concept kitchen with dining room
- Full finished basement with attached garage

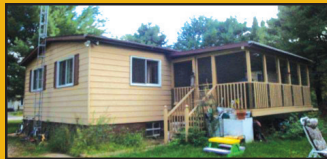
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Hwy 118 35,000

- Handyman special or tear down. You decide!!
- 1.35 Acres
- Great location close to all major centers.

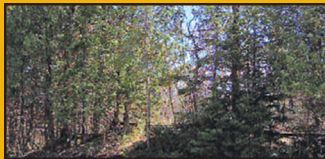
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Excellent Value! \$164,900

- Open concept design on corner lot
- 4 Bedrooms & 3 Bathrooms.
- Close to all Minden has to offer
- Great value family home

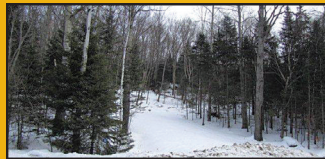
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Blairhampton Rd. Vacant Lot \$39,000

- Located between Minden and Haliburton.
- Year round municipal road.
- Very private well treed lot with good building sites
- Driveway in, hydro and telephone service at lot

Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36



Entrepreneurs Wanted! \$72,000

- 2 Acre Property in High Traffic Area
- Picturesque setting, close to town
- Driveway & turn-around completed
- Commercial Highway zoning

Deborah Deremo 457-2128 x 58



Minden Riverfront Duplex \$199,000

- Perfect in town location, close to everything
- 3 bedroom main house & 1 bedroom studio apt
- Short walk to the new Canadian Tire facility
- Excellent investment opportunity

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26



3 Lake Chain! \$219,000

- 3 bed, 4 season cottage on a 3 lake chain
- Level lot, easy year round access.
- Sand shoreline with large dock
- Partial basement with laundry facilities

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